

What is reported about the one who is a bearer of the Qur’ān, who he is and those who are hostile to him

Abu ‘Umar said, “It is related by various paths that the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, ‘Part of esteem for Allah is honouring three: a just ruler, a Muslim with white hair and a bearer of the Qur’ān who is neither excessive in it nor turns away from it.’” Abū ‘Umar said that the bearers of the Qur’ān are those who know its rulings, its lawful and unlawful and act by what it contains. Anas reported that the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, “The Qur’ān is better than everything. Whoever respects the Qur’ān has respected Allah. Whoever makes light of the Qur’ān has made light of the right of Allah Almighty. The bearers of the Qur’ān are those who are encircled by the mercy of Allah, exalting the Word of Allah, touched by the light of Allah. Allah befriends whoever befriends them and Allah is hostile to whoever is hostile to them. Such people have made light of the right of Allah.”